

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY – WORKING GROUP**

Room 348, Department of Public Safety

Middletown, Connecticut

August 8, 2006

ATTENDEES: Legislative Liaison Wil Blanchette – Public Safety, Commissioner Leonard Boyle (Chairman) – Public Safety, Deputy Commissioner Jerry Farrell – Consumer Protection, Assistant State's Attorney Michael Gailor – Criminal Justice, Director Robert Isner – Environmental Protection, Trooper Seth Mancini – Public Safety, Deputy Commissioner Amey Marrella – Environmental Protection.

I. WELCOME

- A. Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Boyle at 2:00 p.m.
 - 1. Minutes approved from the July 18, 2006 meeting

II. PRELIMINARY REPORT

- A. Preliminary Report Was Submitted To The Governor's Office On July 21, 2006
 - 1. Final recommendations to be submitted on or before September 15, 2006

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Three Major Concerns Were Raised Regarding the Westchester Model
 - 1. Increased expenses associated with compliance
 - 2. Increased paperwork
 - 3. If application information falls under the Freedom of Information Act, then data collected may be available to competition

IV. BACKGROUND CHECKS

- A. Connecticut State Police Sergeant Ray Palen – Commanding Officer of the State Police Background Unit – Explained the Different Levels of Backgrounds
 - 1. Type A
 - a. Most in depth
 - b. Investigation includes: fingerprinting, review of financial records, home interviews, search of intelligence databases
 - c. Currently takes approximately two months to complete
 - d. Approximately 400 conducted per year
 - 2. Type B
 - a. Very similar to a Type A, but less detailed
 - b. Mainly used for agencies other than Department of Public Safety
 - 3. Type C
 - a. Search of intelligence databases
 - b. Approximately 2,500 conducted per year

V. REGULATORY SCHEMES

- A. Deputy Commissioner Jerry Farrell, Assistant State's Attorney Michael Gailor, Trooper Seth Mancini, and Wil Blanchette recently traveled to New York to meet with members of the Business Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission.
 1. Commission was created to diminish/eliminate organized crime's influence on the public wholesale food markets, private trash hauling industry and gambling industry. Model appears to promote more competitive environment.
 - a. Staffing/Authority
 - i. 60 people assigned to the commission – 30% are from other agencies
 - ii. Commission has full range of investigative and regulatory powers
 - b. Licensing Component
 - i. Background check after initial application submitted
 - ii. Must reapply every two years
 - c. Criminal Investigation
 - i. Continuously monitor existing licensees
- B. Westchester County
 1. Commissioner Boyle plans to meet with Westchester County officials concerning their regulatory scheme

VI. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Due to Governor M. Jodi Rell on or before September 15, 2006
 1. The Governor's Office will then choose the recommendation(s) that will be brought in front of the General Assembly
 2. Anything that you would like to be reviewed for possible insertion into the final report, please send to Charlene (charlene.puska@po.state.ct.us)
 3. Working draft will be submitted to the group by August 25, 2006
- B. Items that May Be Included in the Report
 1. Licensing Requirements
 - a. Private Haulers
 - b. Municipalities
 2. Define Types of Waste
 - a. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) – household and commercial trash
 - b. Construction and Demolition (C&D)
 - c. Green Waste
 - d. Scrap Metal
 3. Background Check to be Conducted
 - a. Type A, B, or C
 - b. Define individual(s) to be subjected to background check (principals of the cooperation, owner, managerial supervisors, employees)
 4. License Application
 - a. Disclosure of information
 - b. Penalty enacted for false information/representation
 - c. Continuous review of compliance (e.g., financial information, criminal records)
 - d. Revocation of license
 - e. Create an appeals process if license is denied/revoked

5. Regulative/Investigative/Criminal Authority
 - a. Define governing agency for each of the items listed above
 - b. Commissioner Boyle asked the working group to make note of Attorney General Blumenthal's testimony at the public hearing on July 10, 2006.
 - i. Be careful not to over regulate
 - ii. Any new regulation should not be burdensome
 - iii. DEP and DMV already have existing regulations in place
(Commissioner Boyle asked Trooper Seth Mancini to meet with the legal staff at the DEP regarding their existing/proposed regulations)

VII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2006 – 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters - Room 348, in Middletown.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

